

Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-12)
Member-Designated High Priority Project (HPP) Questionnaire
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday, May 1, 2009 @ 9:00 p.m. (P.D.T.)

Please submit this form along with any additional material to Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff via email at Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov or fax, 202/226-4183. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Cookab Hashemi at 202/225-3531.

The questionnaire must be filled out in its entirety. In addition, it must be accompanied by at least one letter of support from a state, regional, or local government official specifically supporting the project request. This letter should discuss the merits of the project; specify the process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project; and identify the other sources of Federal, state or private funding that will be used to complete this project or project phase.

The letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if you are requesting less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding sources that, combined with the Member request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost. Please use **BOLDFACE FONT** to highlight these statements in the letter.

All questionnaires and accompanying documents will be posted on the Congresswoman's website as required by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Lastly, all project requests will be evaluated before the 12th Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel. Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff, at 202/225-3531 or Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov. **The Citizens Oversight Panel meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009.**

1. **Project Title:** US 101/SR 92 Interchange Design Alternative Analysis
2. **Organization (project sponsor) Name and Address:** *(if state or local entity, please identify specific department requesting funding)*

City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)
555 County Center, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA)
1250 San Carlos Ave.
San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

3. Primary contact name, phone, cell and fax numbers and email address:

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4. Project location address (if different from the organization):

N/A

5. Please provide a brief description of the project. (Please describe in 250 words or less.)

The US 101/SR 92 Interchange Design Alternative project will perform preliminary engineering and environmental study and develop design options for reconfiguring the existing interchange with improved lane configurations and connections to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety.

6. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in the 12th Congressional District? (Please describe in 250 words or less.)

The purpose of the study is to evaluate and address transportation issues at the US 101/SR 92 interchange in San Mateo County. The project will develop and assess various alternatives, incorporating both local and regional impacts of potential interchange improvements. The project will also identify measures of effectiveness and perform qualitative and quantitative analysis, taking into consideration traffic operations, safety, community and regional effects.

7. Are you requesting Federal funds for more than one project in this bill? If yes, please list projects in order of priority requests for your organization.

Yes, C/CAG is submitting three (3) projects, prioritized as follows:

1. San Mateo County Smart Corridors Project (\$4,500,000)
2. Highway 101 Auxiliary Lanes: San Bruno Avenue to Harney Way Interchanges Project (\$40,000,000)
3. US 101/SR 92 Interchange Design Alternative Analysis Project (\$4,000,000)

8. Are you requesting funds from other Members of Congress? If yes, which Members?

No

9. Please select which type of eligible project under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the U.S. Code is the project request? Please select from the options below.

▪ **FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY**

- Highway/road, bridge, tunnel, bicycle/pedestrian project, intelligent transportation system project, ferry boats or ferry boats facilities, intermodal freight facility or other.

- Highway/road and bridge

- For each type of project, please note if it is located on a Federal-aid highway, located on the National Highway System, and located on the Interstate System.

The project is located at then interchange of Highway 101 (US 101), which is part of the Federal Highway System, and State Route 92.

- **PUBLIC TRANSIT** (Public transit refers to transportation services provided to the general public via a variety of vehicle modes, including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, monorail, passenger ferry boats, transit van pools, streetcars, inclined railways, and paratransit vehicles. Public transit does not include school bus or charter bus services, nor intercity passenger rail (such as Amtrak), high-speed rail, or private rail operations. For these types of rail projects, please proceed to the Rail section of the form.)

- Passenger Vehicles
- Transit Bus or Van
- Transit Rail Car or Locomotive, including Streetcars
- Transit Ferry
- Transit Facilities

- Vehicle Maintenance or Administration Facility
- Passenger Facility, including Intermodal Facilities, stations, and terminals
- Transit Rights-of-Way
- Property Acquisition
- Corridor Development
- Rail Track Construction or Maintenance
- Bus-only Lane Construction or Maintenance
- Transit Equipment
 - Vehicle-related Equipment
 - System-related Equipment
 - New Start Project (A New Start project is a major new fixed guideway capital project seeking more than \$75 million in Federal funds.)
 - Small Start Project (A Small Start project is a new fixed guideway capital project seeking less than \$75 million in Federal funds and with a total estimated net capital cost of less than \$250 million.)
- **RAIL**
 - Intercity Passenger Rail (Intercity rail passenger transportation means rail passenger transportation, except commuter rail passenger transportation. Commuter rail passenger transportation means short-haul rail passenger transportation in metropolitan and suburban areas usually having reduced fare, multiple-ride, and commuter tickets and morning and evening peak period operations. Intercity rail passenger transportation projects are not commuter rail projects. Funds for commuter rail projects should be requested under public transit, not under intercity passenger rail.)
 - Located within a corridor previously designated by the Secretary of Transportation pursuant to section 104(d)(2) of Title 23, United States Code, or the Northeast Corridor?
 - Freight Rail
 - Class I Freight Rail
 - Class II or Class III Freight Rail
- **RESEARCH**
 - University Transportation Center
 - Other

10. Did the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, or State Department of Transportation,¹ or public transit agency confirm that the project is

eligible under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the United States Code?

Yes

▪ **Which entity confirmed the project eligibility?**

- Federal Highway Administration✓ Contact (Name, Position, Phone)

To be confirmed

- Federal Transit Administration Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
 - State Department of Transportation Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
 - Public Transit Agency Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
- According to the entity, is the project eligible under Title 23, Title 49, or both Titles 23 and title 49?
- Title 23 (Highways) ✓
 - Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit)
 - Both Title 23 and Chapter 53 of Title 49

11. Please identify the state, regional, or local government entity that is an eligible recipient of the funds. Please include name and address. (For example, a State Department of Transportation, public transit agency, Metropolitan Planning Organization, local government or Federally-recognized tribe.)

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12. Please identify and describe the specific segment or activity for which project funding is requested. (The request must finance at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity by either 1.) the amount requested; or 2.) the amount requested in addition to other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding sources.)

Project description: (Include the specific terminus points of the project or activity, as appropriate.)

The project will generate and evaluate preliminary options for improvements to the US 101/SR 92 Interchange in San Mateo County, including development of long-range and short-range alternatives. The alternatives will be at the conceptual level with sufficient details to evaluate feasibility, constructability, cost, and other engineering criteria.

Project activities: (You may select more than one.)

- ☐ Construct
- ☒ Plan ✓
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Engineer
- ☐ Conduct
- ☒ Environmental Review ✓
- ☐ Acquire right-of-the-way
- ☒ Conduct alternatives analysis ✓
- ☐ Research
- ☐ Develop
- ☐ Demonstrate
- ☐ Deploy
- ☐ Reconstruct
- ☐ Rehabilitate
- ☐ Replace
- ☐ Retrofit
- ☐ Install
- ☐ Mitigate
- ☐ Implement
- ☐ Realign

What is the total estimated cost? (Please write out in numeral form, e.g. \$2,000,000, not \$2 million)

\$5,000,000

What amount is being requested? (Please write out in numeral form.)

\$4,000,000

What percentage of the total estimated cost is the request for Federal funding?
(If the percentage is less than 80%, please identify other specifically designated

Federal, state, local or private funding that when combined with this request equal at least 80 percent.)

Requesting 80% of the total estimated cost.

Please identify the source and amount of funding.

N/A

13. If you are requesting funding for a specific segment or activity, please describe the overall project of which this segment/activity is a part.

N/A

- Project description (please limit your response to 3-4 sentences.)
- Total estimated cost

14. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?

No.

- Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.
 - *Date of approval (MM/YYYY)*
 - *Title of the plan*

15. Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?

Yes

- Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the program(s), and the title of the program(s).
 - Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - *Date of approval (MM/YYYY)*
 - *Title of the Program*

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- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
 - *Date of approval (MM/YYYY)*
 - *Title of the Program*

16. If the project is an intercity passenger rail project, is it included in the State Rail Plan?

- Please provide the date on which the Governor approved the most recent version of the plan, and the title of the plan.
 - *Date of approval (MM/YYYY)*
 - *Title of the plan*

17. Please describe the current status of the project and the expected schedule for its completion.

- *Current status of project*
 - Federal-aid Highway projects:
 - In Planning ✓
 - In Environmental Review
 - In Final Design
 - In Right-of-Way Acquisition
 - Under Construction
 - Public Transit projects:
 - In Planning
 - In Alternatives Analysis
 - In Preliminary Engineering
 - In Final Design
 - Under Construction or Procurement
 - Rail projects:
 - In Planning
 - In Environmental Review
 - In Preliminary Engineering
 - In Design
 - Under Construction
 - Research:
 - Under Research
 - Under Development
 - Under Demonstration
 - Under Deployment
- **What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding?** (*Between fiscal years 2010 through 2020*)

If funding is secured in FY 2010, the project can begin within the fiscal year with and be completed within FY 2012.

18. Does the project have regional or national significance? (A project of regional and national significance is typically a high-cost transportation infrastructure facility that often includes multiple levels of government, agencies, modes of transportation, and transportation goals and planning processes that are not easily addressed or funded

within existing surface transportation program categories. These projects have national and/or regional benefits, including improving economic productivity by facilitating international trade, relieving congestion, and improving transportation safety by facilitating passenger and freight movement.)

- *Please describe the regional or national significance of the project. Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences.*

The Highway 101 segment within San Mateo County has major regional and statewide significances in serving both local traffic and regional traffic connecting San Francisco Bay and the northern counties with Silicon Valley and the southern part of the Bay Area region. State Route 92 extends to Highway 1 to the west and to the San Mateo Bridge eastward connecting the peninsula to the East Bay. The interchange includes the primary routes used in the movement of freight and commuters throughout the Bay Area.

19. Describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with completion of the project.

- *Safety Benefits*

- Please describe the safety benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.

Safety factors that will be considered as part of the study include but are not limited to elimination of conflicting maneuvers, elimination of bottlenecks, specific improvements to highway geometry and sight lines at existing deficient locations, change in weave volumes and change in level of service. Improvements to the interchange will address the current safety concerns.

- *Economic Development Benefits*

- Please describe the economic development benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.

The project is an initial planning process that identifies and evaluates alternatives for the new interchange. The construction of the new interchange will result in economic development benefits by reducing congestion, reducing travel time delay for travelers, commuters, and freight movements through the Bay Area.

- *Mobility Benefits*

- Please describe the mobility benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.

The project will analyze area and region-wide mobility by considering both a system-wide measure of effectiveness such as vehicle-hours-traveled as well as delays, queue and travel time on other major routes.

- Please describe the environmental benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.

20. Has the project previously received any Federal funding? If so, please list the Source, Amount of Funding and Amount Obligated. (Please see categories below.)

- *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (P.L.109-59)*
 - Section Project Number
 - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated

- *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21) (P.L. 105-178)*
 - Section Project Number
 - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated

- *National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (NHS Act) (P.L. 104-59)*
 - Section Project Number
 - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated

- *Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) (P.L. 102-240)*
 - Section Project Number
 - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated

Appropriations act(s)

Public Law Name

- Public Law Number
- Section Project Number
- Amount of Funding Amount Obligated

Other legislation

- Public Law Name
- Public Law Number
- Section Project Number
- Amount of Funding Amount Obligated

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- *Source:*
- *Amount of Funding:*
- *Amount Obligated:*

No.

22. **Please provide the proposed legislative text (in no more than 250 characters) of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill.** *(Please note that project line items carry the force of law, and can only be amended through subsequent public laws. If Congressional intent (as established through answers listed on this form, or in letters to the Committee) is different from the legislative text, the entity administering the project is required to adhere to the statutory language.)*

The US 101/SR 92 Interchange Design Alternative project will study design options for reconfiguring the existing interchange with improved lane configurations and connections to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety.

23. **Please include any additional information that should be consider with the project request.**

**Please return this form and at least one local or state letter or support no later than Friday, May 1, 2009 via email or fax to:
Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov or 202/226-4183 (fax).**



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May 1, 2009

The Honorable Jackie Speier
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: US 101/SR 92 Interchange Design Alternative Analysis Project – High Priority
Project Request \$4 Million

Dear Representative Speier,

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the metropolitan planning organization for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, supports the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County's (C/CAG) and San Mateo County Transportation Authority's (SMCTA) joint request for \$4 million for the US 101/SR 92 Interchange Design Alternative Analysis Project as a High Priority Project (HPP) for the 2009 Transportation Reauthorization.

The US 101/SR 92 Interchange Design Alternative Analysis project will study design options for reconstructing the existing interchange to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety. This project is consistent with the long-range regional transportation plan for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If MTC can provide any further assistance, please contact Randy Rentschler, our Legislation and Public Affairs Director, at (510) 817-5780, or Tom Bulger, our Washington representative, at (202) 775-0079.

Sincerely,

Therese McMillan
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